

PROTECTING OUR VALUABLE RESOURCES

CITY MAINTAINS ACTIVE DISEASED-TREE PROGRAM

IN THE 1970s, THOUSANDS OF ELM TREES WERE LOST WHEN DUTCH elm disease infected the area. State funding for diseased tree programs is no longer available, but most public agencies continue to aggressively deal with Dutch elm disease.

The City's Maintenance Division inspects trees and responds to resident concerns. Each year, the City's state-certified tree inspectors search for diseased trees on both public and private property, and mark trees that require removal.

Property owners are responsible for the removal of diseased trees and may use a contractor hired by the City or handle the removal themselves. The City removes diseased trees on City property and rights-of-way.

What can you do to help stop the spread of Dutch elm or other diseases? Report any elm tree with dead or dying leaves. *See below.* Wilting leaves on oak trees can be a sign of oak wilt, a disease that also spreads from tree to tree. Report suspected trees for proper diagnosis and action by calling 952-563-8760.

To further prevent the spread of disease, City ordinance prohibits the storage of elm, red oak and pin oak wood with the bark intact.



IT'S A FACT
Since 1998, the City has planted more than 900 trees.

SIGNS OF DISEASE HOW TO RECOGNIZE SYMPTOMS

THE CITY REMOVED 850 diseased trees in 2003. Prompt diagnosis and removal of diseased trees are the keys to help control the spread of Dutch elm disease. Dead or dying elm trees can become a breeding ground for thousands of beetles that will move about and spread the disease.

Visible signs of Dutch elm disease include leaves on the upper branches that turn from green to yellow, curl, and become brown and brittle. These symptoms are common signs of a diseased tree and could signal Dutch elm disease. If more than a few branches are affected, then the entire tree must be removed. If only small portions of the tree show symptoms, quick and proper action might prolong the life of the tree.

Chemical fungicides are available that are designed to protect the tree, but there is no guarantee that a treated tree won't become infected with Dutch elm disease. Chemical treatments have a greater success rate with healthy trees. For more information on possible disease prevention tips, call your local tree service or call the City's Maintenance Division at 952-563-8760.



AROUND THE CITY LATE SUMMER AND EARLY FALL EVENTS



OPEN HOUSE

Visit your local fire station
Saturday, October 9
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

STATION NO.	ADDRESS
1	10 West 95th St.
2	10601 Xerxes Ave. So.
3	2050 East 86th St.
4	4201 West 84th St.
5	10540 Bush Lake Rd.
6	8601 Lakeview Rd.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FIREFIGHTER FIRE STATIONS TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

THE CITY'S SIX FIRE STATIONS CELEBRATE NATIONAL FIRE Prevention Week with an open house on Saturday, October 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of activities, demonstrations and tours will be featured along with free t-shirts and temporary tattoos for kids. Fire trucks, Police squad cars and Public Works equipment will also be on display. For more information, call 952-881-4062.



As part of Fire Prevention Week, the Bloomington Fire Department reminds you to test your smoke alarms.

SUKIYAKI SUNDAY A NORMANDALE JAPANESE GARDEN SPECIAL EVENT

THE NORMANDALE JAPANESE GARDEN COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THE RETURN OF ITS traditional Sukiyaki Dinner on Sunday, September 12, from 12:30 to 6 p.m., at Normandale Community College, 9700 France Avenue South. A ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. to honor and remember World War II Veterans of the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Service Language School for their nation's service and for their dedication to the Garden. Highlights of the day include performances by the Kogen Taiko drum group and Leo Hansen on the shakuhachi (Japanese flute). There will also be opportunities to win raffle prizes and purchase items from the boutique. For more information, call Pat Kirsch at 612-866-5322.



CHILLIN' AND GRILLIN' BLOOMINGTON KIDS KICK OFF SPECIAL EVENT

FOOD SAFETY TIPS ARE ON THE MENU during an event to highlight National

Food Safety Education Month (NFSEM) in September. Around 600 6th and 7th grade students from Olson Middle School will learn how to keep food at proper temperatures, techniques for washing hands correctly and other measures for preventing foodborne illness at a food safety educational event on September 23. The day includes a demonstration of *Safe or Sorry*, a curriculum that uses humorous skits and innovative props to illustrate basic principles of food safety, as well as a cookout featuring irradiated hamburgers.

The event is sponsored by a broad coalition of private sector groups and government agencies, including Bloomington Environmental Health. Olson Middle School is one of only four schools in the state during the past three years to have been selected to host a large food safety event for children. For more information, call Carol Schreiber at 651-215-0846.